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Suspended Rockaway Township police officer Clifton Gauthier of Sparta.

Suspended Rockaway cop turns to GoFundMe

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Suspended Rockaway Township Police Officer Clifton "Clif" Gauthier has followed the path of other people by setting up a GoFundMe site to raise money while an official misconduct charge is pending against him.

Gauthier, 35, of Sparta, is accused of calling state Trooper Nagib Saad on Feb. 9, 2012, and telling him he did not have to appear in Rockaway Township Municipal Court to address a driving while intoxicated ticket the trooper had issued to Gauthier's cousin Sean Costigan.

Gauthier has been suspended without pay from his \$104,448 job for at least eight months and in November set up a GoFundMe account. GoFundMe, a popular personal fundraising website started in San Diego in 2010, is where anyone wanting money — newlyweds, aspiring pop musicians, the terminally ill, parents searching for funds to bury a child, homeowners facing foreclosure — can solicit cash. The site states that more than \$900 million has been raised to benefit hundreds of thousands of users since the 2010 launch.

To date, Gauthier's appeal has raised just \$895 toward a goal of \$25,000. Some friends and a few anonymous donors contributed, but the largest was from Boonton Township Policemen's Benevolent Association 392 for \$500.

Gauthier professes his innocence on the site and identifies some of the hardships the prosecution has caused his family. Assistant Morris County Prosecutor Sahil Kabse, who is handling the case, said he is aware of the GoFundMe site but couldn't comment on it.

Gauthier said some friends urged him to set up a GoFundMe account but said he feels awkward about it because he has worked since he was a teenager and

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Morris Hills takes flight in final

Jason Schweizer takes handoff from Ian McNally in 4X800 at Penn Relays. **Story, 1B**



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Jayson Kohut, 21, of Jefferson attends County College of Morris in Randolph and has incurred student loan debt as a result. He is worried about his debt growing when he continues at a four-year school.

Millennials have tough time launching independent lives in high-cost suburbs

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There was a time a college student could aspire without anxiety. But that time is not now. Jayson Kohut, 21, of Jefferson can tell you that. • The County College of Morris student, majoring in Engineering Science, is just starting to feel the monkey mounted firmly on his generation's back. • "I originally took out two loans, each for \$2,000. Kohut said. "Now they're one-and-a-half times that." • He's part of the Millennial Generation, also known as Generation Y — those between the ages of 18 and 35 — that feels boxed in, practically before it starts, especially in New Jersey. Weighted by student debt in college and afterward, they can't seem to find a salary high enough or decent housing cheap enough to make a go of an independent adult life in the high-cost suburbs of the Garden State. • Yet there are 117,000 millennials here in Morris County, where the median age is 41.3 years old, according to the 2013 State of the County Report. That compares with 108,000 resi-

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Take an in-depth look at how millennial debt, needs and preferences are playing out in the housing markets and workplaces of New Jersey.

Rutgers Day celebrates campus life

Public gets to meet students, learn what the university is all about

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Each year, Rutgers University, the nation's oldest university and the state university of New Jersey, throws open its campuses in New Brunswick and Piscataway for a grand celebration of its academic and social activities.

This year, that day was Saturday. Alumni, prospective students and taxpayers were invited to meet students and faculty, learn more about what they are doing, sample the food they eat, attend some special presentations and just have fun.

Buses shuttled visitors from campus to campus, and information booths and guidebooks were able to steer people to all the events. There even was an app for smart phones to make sure everyone had the information they needed to enjoy the day.

Wide range of activities

At the Cook Avenue campus, student groups lined the promenade and courtyard in front of Bishop House. Many of the activities were just for fun.

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MARK R. SULLIVAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
People get a close-up view of a robotic-surgery device from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rutgers Day.

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